

selecting means [(250, 251; 450, 451; 550)] for selecting, for each one of at least a second and a third bitstream of said bitstreams, into which respective time slot thereof to transmit said data based upon said identifier.

8. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said associating means are provided at an port [(225; 425)] of said switch, said port receiving said first bitstream.

9. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7 [or 8], wherein said selecting means are provided at a second port [(230; 430)] transmitting said second bitstream and at a third port [(231; 431)] transmitting said third bitstream.

10. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7 [any one of claims 7-9], wherein said data and said identifier are transferred within said apparatus using time slots of a switch internal bitstream [(470)].

11. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7 [any one of claims 7-10], wherein said identifier identifies an isochronous channel, which is to be switched from said first bitstream to said second and said third bitstream and which said data refers to, and wherein said selecting means are arranged to select a time slot of said second bitstream and a time slot of said third bitstream based upon the channel information provided by said identifier.

12. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7 [any one of claims 7-11], wherein said network is a DTM network.

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